Liturgy Schedule

Masses
Saturday 4:15 PM (in-person)
Sunday 10:15 AM (in-person)
Sunday 10:15 AM (Saturday Mass available for viewing online)

Reconciliation
2nd & 4th Saturday and 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month following Mass

Please contact the parish office regarding
Baptism, Matrimony, First Communion, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick

November 27, 2022

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Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday Closed
This weekend we begin a new Church year with the opening of the Season of Advent. Advent is, in part, a kind of “new year” celebration for the Church.

In the last weeks of “the old year” and the first weeks of “the new year” the liturgy of the Church focuses on the final coming of Jesus in glory and the fulfillment of God’s plan for creation.

As a society we shun death, we push death under the rug, we are hesitant to speak of death. Parents often find their children unwilling to have the conversation about funeral plans and estate plans.

Yet Christian practice and tradition has always emphasized that creation has a purpose and a destiny – and each of us share in that destiny. The meaning of human life and destiny is only complete with rebirth into eternal life.

The older we get the more the realization of our mortality comes into focus for us. Yet, from the first moment of life in Christ, baptism, we are told: “all who are baptized into Christ Jesus are baptized into His death. If we have died with Christ in baptism, we are destined to rise with Him in glory.”

From our earliest days we are reminded of our invitation to share the things of Heaven. One of the first prayers I was taught was my night prayer: “Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord me soul to take.”

In Advent let us remember Christ’s comings: first in history in Bethlehem, His final coming in the end time, and his daily coming in our lives. Let us keep one eye fixed on today and the other eye fixed on our future glory. Often during the Advent Season the final prayer of the Mass is: Lord, God, help us to use wisely the things of this earth and to love deeply the things of heaven.

Father Steve Adrian
Parish Administrator’s Note

SIGNS OF THE TIMES
In a recent homily, Fr. Steve talked about the signs of the times. As he said, it is wise to pay attention to them. It is prudent to act on them. He went on to compare the early 1960s with today.

In response to the signs of the times in the 60s, Pope John XXIII called the Second Vatican Council into session. He knew that our Church needed to engage—not retreat—from everything that was happening.

How might we read today’s signs? How can we respond, locally and beyond?

I’m glad that part of our parish’s continuing response involves feeding the hungry (Loaves & Fishes), sheltering the homeless (Casa Guadalupana), and healing the sick (St. Mary’s Clinic). While these are among our highest profile ministries, we have others. (Ask me about GAB, for instance.)

What else might we do? Let’s start by asking a few questions, based on your personal experience in and around St. Matt’s:

• What do you notice in your immediate neighborhood, or on the West Side as a whole? Where do you see God at work?

• What are the needs? Where could we be at work?

Vatican II renewed the church of its day. Let us work to renew our church in our times.

Let us pray for wisdom and prudence to guide our work together.

NEW HYMNALS
We are replacing our current (2004) hymnals with new ones. I’m pleased. Not only will the new hymnal include some of the “greatest hits” of the past 18 years, it’ll also have a current order of Mass that reflects liturgical language changes instituted back in 2011.

If you would like to honor people in your life by dedicating a new hymnal to them, you’ll have that opportunity when they arrive. We’ll do that with a special nameplate we can put inside the front cover. The recommended donation is $20, which will be used to defray the cost of the hymnals.

Thank you for your support, and have a great week!

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News and Events

Maranatha Choir Practice
Wednesday, November 30, 7:00 PM

Last Day to Participate in Isaac’s Blessing Bags
Thursday, December 1

Second Collection for Community of Saints School
Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4

Saint Paul Civic Symphony Concert
Sunday, December 4, 3:00 PM

Vigil, Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday, December 7, 7:00 PM

Maranatha Choir Practice
Wednesday, November 30, 7:45 PM

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday, December 8, 7:00 PM

Christmas Bake Sale, Boutique and Tea
Saturday, December 10, 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Sunday, December 11, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Santa Breakfast
Sunday, December 11, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Maranatha Choir Practice
Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 PM

Last Day to Send in Flower Donation
Friday, December 16

Communal Reconciliation Service
Sunday, December 18, 2:00 PM

Gifted and Belonging Meeting
Sunday, December 18, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME
Faith Formation students in grades K to 10 have class on Wednesday evening, November 30. Grades K to 7 start at 6:30 PM and Grades 8 to 10 start at 6:45 PM. Class ends at 7:30 PM for kindergarteners, at 7:40 PM for Grades 2 to 7, and at 7:50 PM for Grades 8 to 10. We meet in the Parish Center on November 30. Families, please mark your calendars for December 7, when the Faith Formation program has Mass in church. Parents and students sit together. Please plan to arrive for church on December 7 at 6:45 PM.

THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT’S
If you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory, person or event, please contact the parish office at (651) 224-9793 by 1:00 PM Monday – Thursday.
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Bulletin

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 AM for the next Sunday’s bulletin. Items should be sent to Angela Rakow at arakow@st-matts.org. Items received after 10:00 AM will appear in the following week’s bulletin.

Readings for the week of November 27, 2022

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
## Parish Council Members

- Finance Council Members

## Parish Leadership

- Parish Trustee: Becky Montgomery
- Parish Trustee: Jackie Lackner
- Ex Officio: Bernie Klein
- Sacramental Minister: John Del Vecchio
- Pastoral Administrator: Phil Grant
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## Announcements

- Items should be sent to Angela Rakow by Monday by 10:00 AM
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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, November 26
- 4:15 PM Mass
  - Our Parish
  - +Helen Bukowski
  - +Pam, Lucille, and Robert Stickler Sr.

### Sunday, November 27
- 10:15 AM Mass
  - Our Parish
  - +Joe Savard
  - +Sherry Simpson
  - +Ted Snyder

### Monday, November 28
- 8:00 AM Cancelled

### Tuesday, November 29
- 8:00 AM Cancelled

### Wednesday, November 30
- 8:00 AM Cancelled

### Thursday, December 1
- 8:00 AM Cancelled

### Friday, December 2
- 8:00 AM Cancelled

### Saturday, December 3
- 4:15 PM Mass
  - Our Parish
  - +Leo Kegler
  - +Steve Newell
  - +John and Mary Jane Sperl

### Sunday, December 4
- 10:15 PM Mass
  - Our Parish
  - +Arthur Geis
  - +Barbara Rau
  - +Lester Robinson

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, November 28 - Friday, December 2
- **Meals are being served as take-out only at this time**

### Monday, November 28
- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open
- 7:00 PM AA Meeting

### Tuesday, November 29
- 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

### Wednesday, November 30
- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary’s Clinic
- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open
- 6:30 PM Faith Formation
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice

### Thursday, December 1
- 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
- 5:00 PM Finance Council Meeting
- 7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting
- 7:00 PM AA Meeting

### Friday, December 2

### Saturday, December 3
- 9:00 AM CPR Training at Mendota Heights Fire Station
- 4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

### Sunday, December 4
- 10:15 AM Mass (in-person)
- 10:15 AM Saturday Mass available online
- 3:00 PM Confession
- 3:00 PM St. Paul Civic Symphony Concert

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